

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 7:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application ~~claims the benefit~~ is a continuation of International application No. PCT/JP99/02608 filed May 19, 1999, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent application No. 10-153915 filed May 19, 1998, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference.